

**SERVER FOR AUTOMATIC AUTHENTICATION SELECTION****ABSTRACT**

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An authentication server (SA) automatically selects one of a plurality of authentications identified by authentication identifiers in order to authorize the user to access a service dispensed by a service server of a provider identified by a provider identifier via a communication network. The server is characterized in that it comprises a selection module for selecting an authentication identifier in a memory as a function of the provider identifier (PRID) and the type of the terminal and/or the network type of the communication network, and an authentication module for authenticating the user by launching an authentication process associated with the authentication identifier.